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Applicant : Nathan R. Brown Attorney Docket No.: 500200.05
Serial No. : 09/910,638 Group Art Unit : 3729
Filed : July 20, 2001 Examiner : not yet assigned
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CHEMICAL-MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION OF MICROELECTRONIC SUBSTRATES WITH A CARRIER AND MEMBRANE

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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